

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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SECRETNO. 792WEEKLY SUMMARYREPORT ON REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONSAND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

Tim Buck is to deliver a series of 17 radio speeches over Station CKCL at Toronto, Ont. He is to be heard every Tuesday from 6.45 to 7.00 p.m. commencing 4th February. The subjects for the first five weeks as announced in The Worker are: 4th February, "The Reeve of East York, Unemployment and the Ontario Government"; 11th February, "Tim Buck Replies to the Speech from the Throne in the Federal House"; 18th February, "What the Speech from the Throne in the Ontario Legislature Means to the Common People"; 25th February, "What Is Happening in France"; 3rd March, "Municipal Taxes, Bondholders, Police and the Labour Movement".

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**APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL**

**1. Lenin Memorial Meetings**

**(a) Montreal, Que.**

Approximately 1,000 people attended the Lenin memorial meeting held by the Communist Party of Canada in the Prince Arthur Hall, Montreal, on the evening of 22 January. The singing by the Ukrainian Choir of the "International" and "Lenin's Funeral March" marked the opening of the function. Two addresses were presented, one in French by Phillip Richer and one in English

by Fred Rose, both of whom stressed the genius of Lenin and the contributions made by him to the Communist and revolutionary movement.

Fred Rose contended that "many people are now sympathizing with the Communists but are not quite yet prepared to join and participate actively in the work of the Communist Party. He maintained that the Soviet Union today ranks first in Europe and that its Red Army and Air Force were the most modern in the world, ready for any emergency. He concluded with a stirring appeal for new members for the Communist Party of Canada.

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(b) Edmonton, Alta.

The Lenin memorial meeting staged by the Communist Party of Canada in the Empire Theatre, Edmonton, on 21st January was attended by approximately 1,200 persons. J. Lakeman acted as Chairman and the main speaker was Stewart Smith of Toronto who spoke mainly on the decisions of the VIIth World Congress of the Communist International. "The VIIth Congress of our world Party — the Communist International — was represented by over 1,500 delegates from 68 countries", he said. The decisions laid down by this congress, he remarked, will be followed by every Communist Party

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throughout the world with a view to translating same into concrete action. He stressed the "victory of Socialism in the Soviet Union" comparing same with the distress and unstaple conditions in other countries.

The meeting was also briefly addressed by Miss Margaret Crang who urged the working class of Canada to unite with a view to having Section 98 of the Criminal Code abolished.

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(c) Vancouver, B.C.

At Vancouver, B.C., the Communists commemorated the death of Lenin with a mass meeting at Victoria Hall, 535 Homer Street on 19th January. S. O'Neil presided and the speakers were W. Phillips of the Young Communist League, Mrs. Stewart representing the Vancouver Mothers Council, Elspeth Munro of the Young Pioneers, and Malcolm Bruce of the Communist Party, all of whom eulogized Lenin and conditions in the U.S.S.R. which, they claimed, were the result of Lenin's genius. There were approximately 700 people present and the collection taken netted the sum of \$32.

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## 2. Anna Louise Strong in Montreal

Approximately 1,500 people, filling the Ballroom of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, heard Anna Louise Strong, Editor of "Moscow News" (published at Moscow, U.S.S.R), laud conditions in the U.S.S.R. under Soviet rule. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union and presided over by George S. Mooney who, in his opening remarks, compared the progress of the Soviet Union to the "waves of the sea reaching the shore".

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"I Change Worlds" was the subject of Anna Louise Strong's lecture. She described how she had been brought up in the United States, the daughter of a Minister of the Gospel, and how eventually she became an ardent Communist. Eulogizing conditions in the Soviet Union she asserted that workers are given annual holidays and that the working hours were between six and seven hours per day. She denied that churches were being persecuted in Russia, although the Communist doctrine was strictly against religion. She also dwelt upon the Stakhanov Movement, one of the latest developments in the competition for increased production in the U.S.S.R. and presented statistics in support of her contention that individuality was more developed in the Soviet Union than anywhere else.

The lecture was well received. Admission was by tickets which sold at 50¢ and 75¢ each. The meeting was considered a great success from a political point of view as well as from a financial standpoint.

## 3. Attempt to Organize Men in Prince Albert National Park Camp

The Citizens Defence Committee at Regina which is supervising organizational activities of the Relief Camp Workers Union in the Province of Saskatchewan has recently received a letter from [deletion: 1 1/2 lines] asking that [deletion: 1/2 line] be sent to that camp to organize the men there. Lack of funds, however, is preventing the sending of these two men to the said camp for the time being.

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[deletion: 2 lines] is said to have lost favour with the rank and file of the organization. Considerable dissention exists in the Citizens Defence Committee at Regina. Several members of this committee and the Strike Committee appear to be under suspicion of being an agent of the authorities.

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### 5. "The Worker" Drive

The standing of the "drive" for a \$10,000 sustaining fund for The Worker as per January 30th, 1936, follows:—

<u>District</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>P.C.</u>
B.C.	1,031.02	103
Timmins	1,015.00	101.5
Alberta	1,172.92	97.7
S. Ont.	2,666.16	88.8
Pt. Arthur	721.95	72
Manitoba	637.73	63.7
Quebec	441.35	44
Sudbury	144.07	29
Sask.	129.87	25.9
Maritimes	8.25	<u>4</u>
TOTAL ...	<u>7,968.32</u>	<u>79.6</u>

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### 6. Stewart Smith in Vancouver

Approximately 3,000 persons attended a mass meeting staged by the Communist Party of Canada at the Vancouver Arena Auditorium on the evening of 24th January at which Stewart Smith gave a report on the VIIth Congress of the Communist International. Malcolm Bruce acted as Chairman.

Stewart Smith, in his two hours and twenty minutes speech, described the said congress, stressing particularly its decisions with regard to war and Fascism. He maintained that it is the policy of the Communist International and the Communist Parties throughout the world to co-operate with socialist working class organizations in an effort to build up a united front against Fascism which, he said, presents the last stand of Capitalism.

### 7. Leslie Morris Appointed Editor of "The Worker"

Leslie Morris has again assumed the duties of Editor-in-Chief of The Worker. John Weir, who for the past several months has been editing the paper, has been appointed Assistant Editor, and E. Cecil Smith will assume respon-

sibility for the news of Toronto and district. M. J. Fenwick, formerly of Port Arthur, will supervise in trade union news, while Oscar Ryan will continue as feature writer. Pat Forkin retains his former position of editing The Worker correspondence.

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The Edmonton Council of the Canadian League Against War and Fascism held a conference at the Masonic Temple on 23rd January with 75 delegates, representing 30 local organizations, in attendance. S.A.G. Barnes gave a brief report on the National Congress of the league held in Toronto recently. Matt Shaw addressed the conference briefly thanking the League Against War and Fascism for the help and co-operation extended to the on-to-Ottawa trekkers. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Reverend Carl Storm; Vice-President, Mrs. R. C. Mason; Secretary, A. M. Herd; Assistant Secretary, Miss J. Ferren; Chairman of Social Committee, Mrs. Grace Murdoch; Chairman of Trade Union Committee, J. Plante;

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Chairman of Youth Committee, C. Griffiths; Chairman of local Language Organization Committee, R. Koyich; Publicity Convener, L. Levi; Chairman of Ex-Service Men's Committee, A. Miller.

At this conference the local Jewish youth organization, under the leadership of L. Levi, affiliated with the league.

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**II. SASKATCHEWAN**

**9. Communists Open Schools in Kamsack and Verigin Districts**

A number of schools both for children and adults where Communism is being taught have recently been opened in the Kamsack and Verigin Districts of Saskatchewan. Some of these classes are being conducted in rural school houses and the teachers employed are principally local leaders.

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III. MANITOBA10. Bill Kashton Speaks at Winnipeg Y.C.L.  
Meeting

Bill Kashton, National Secretary of the Young Communist League, addressed a meeting of approximately 200 young persons at the Hebrew Sick Benefit Hall, 245 Selkirk Ave., Winnipeg, on the evening of 28th January. He dealt with the decisions of the Sixth Congress of the Young Communist International held in Moscow recently, pointing out the urgent need for organizing the youth throughout Canada, regardless of religion or national affiliations,

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with a view to "resisting the rising tide of Fascism". He cited Germany and Italy as examples of what the working class of Canada may have to face. The U.S.S.R. he described as the only country in the world which stands for peace, freedom and progress.

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The Unemployed Single Men's Association at Winnipeg held a meeting at 217½ Logan Avenue on 30th January with about 400 people in attendance. The speakers were Jim Smith, Jim Stewart, Orton Wade and one Brydson. After considerable discussion it was decided to submit a set of grievances to the Provincial authorities including demands for a larger rent allowance, for better food in soup kitchens, a supply of razor blades, soap, etc. Before adjourning the meeting Orton Wade is reported to have remarked, "Boy, this is just the beginning of our first new year fight; let us get up like men and fight our way for what we want".

Orton Wade has become extremely active in the unemployment movement of late and it is due largely to his activities that the single unemployed are being roused to action.

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IV. ONTARIO11. [~~deletion:4 words~~] Outlines  
Plan for Coming Months

[~~deletion:1 1/2 lines~~] asserts that this section has more than doubled its membership during the past few months. The plan of work for the coming months is described as follows:—

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- (a) To recruit by 1st May 40 new members.
- (b) To organize units in the following industries — pulp mill, freight sheds, railroads, foundaries, elevators, seamen.
- (c) To organize new locals of organizations affiliated to the A.F. of L. amongst the following categories of workers — teamsters, clerks, restaurant employees, elevator employees, bakeries and domestic servants.
- (d) To strengthen the following units — freight shed, Great Lakes mill, seamen and moulders.
- (e) To send students to the district school.
- (f) To raise \$125 for the Party fighting fund during the month of February.

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V. QUEBEC

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